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LETTER DATED 25 SEPTEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continue to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

1. On 23/24 September 1991, United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace amounted to 32 sorties flown by 16 2-aircraft formations at speeds of 700 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes ranging between 2,000 and 7,500 kilometres. Air activity was concentrated over the areas of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, northern Zakho, and western Arbil.

2. At 1640 hours on the same day, a two-aircraft formation flew over Faruq airfield at a speed of 500 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 100 metres. The aircraft were F-16s.

3. At 0216 hours on the same day, a warplane coming from Kuwaiti airspace at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 6,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace. The violation occurred 20 kilometres inside Iraqi airspace to the south-west of Artawi.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
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